STATE OF MONTANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 01-07** 

EXECUTIVE ORDER AUTHORIZING INCIDENT RESPONSE AUTHORITY IN THE STATE OF MONTANA

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2007, a storm front moved through the Blackfeet Reservation with sustained high

winds of up to 110 mph; and

WHEREAS, these high winds have destroyed and damaged homes displacing families from their residences;

and

WHEREAS, these events caused life threatening situations and imminent threat to life and property; and

WHEREAS, the Blackfeet Nation has declared a disaster from this wind event, and

WHEREAS, the availability and utilization of necessary state government services, equipment and

supplies under this proclamation will further efforts to protect health and safety and to preserve the lives,

property and resources of the people of the State of Montana.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Schweitzer, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority

vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and

under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare an "incident" exists within the Blackfeet Nation, and

furthermore order the use of the services of the Disaster and Emergency Services Division personnel to

respond to the incident.

This Order is effective January 3, 2007

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT

SEAL of the State of Montana, this

8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007.

ATTEST: Market. Semant